

Preliminary Open Education Resources Survey Results

<http://bit.ly/CT-OER-Survey>

In what type of institution do you work?

Institution Type	Count	Percent
K – 12	186	61.2%
Higher Education	118	38.8%

How aware are you of open education resource (OER) materials?

Awareness	K – 12	Higher Education
Use some OER as part of my (or my staff's) teaching	38.70%	42.90%
Heard of them but have not used	31.30%	34.30%
Not aware of OER and do not use	28.00%	7.60%
Use most or all OER in my (or may staff's) instruction	2.00%	15.20%

If you have interest in or currently use OER materials, how important are the following reasons for doing so?

	Quality	Currency	Cost Savings	Adaptability	Integration	Collaboration
Very Important	85.1%	71.6%	65.4%	57.3%	46.1%	31.3%
Important	12.8%	25.4%	27.4%	32.8%	40.1%	39.5%
Somewhat Important	1.7%	1.7%	6.3%	7.3%	10.3%	20.2%
Not Important	0.4%	1.3%	0.8%	2.6%	3.4%	9.0%

Would you be willing to share your materials with a wider audience?

	K – 12	Higher Education
Yes	54.9%	45.1%
No	48.6%	51.4%

If you are using OER, why?

Reason	Percent
Cost savings to students - equity of access	44.4%
Flexibility of materials - ability to remix and reuse	40.5%
Cost savings to my institution	30.8%
Opportunity to collaborate with other educators and researchers	27.5%
Higher quality of materials	23.9%
Lack of commercial materials in my subject	12.7%
Other	4.2%

In what areas do you need support for OER use?

Need	Percent
Discovery and vetting of high-quality materials	38.4%
Support on copyright (Creative Commons, use and publishing my materials)	29.0%
Technology platform for authoring and sharing	28.4%
Open pedagogy (developing OER-based lessons)	26.6%
Combining or remixing different materials	25.4%
Support in developing accessible (e.g., ADA) materials	24.5%
Certification (e.g., Creative Commons)	21.1%
Funding	19.6%
Other	5.4%

What concerns or challenges do you face regarding the use of OER?

Concern	Percent
Time to find and vet high-quality materials	45.9%
Guarantee of high quality	41.1%
Time to develop materials	40.5%
Guidance on sharing and copyright issues	29.3%
Limited materials for my grade or subject	17.8%
Technical skill to develop and share my materials	13.6%
Leadership support	11.5%

If the State were to provide a technology platform for sharing OER across schools, colleges, and libraries, what features would you need?

Feature	Percent
Access control (i.e., ability to control sharing privileges)	38.4%
Curation across OER collections (e.g., indexing across other schools, universities, and libraries)	29.0%
Standards alignment (e.g., Common Core, NGSS, etc.)	28.4%
Rich authoring tools	26.6%
Other	25.4%